

REMARKS

Claims 15-17 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-14 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed thereto. Claims 15-17 are added. New independent claims 15-17 combines the features of original claims 1, 7, 11 respectively with the features of claim 2. No new matter is added.

The indication on page 12, item 22 of the Office Action that claim 2 recite allowable subject matter is acknowledged. The indication in the Advisory Action that newly proposed claims 15-17 would be allowable if presented in an amendment canceling non-allowable claims is also acknowledged.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. REPLY TO REJECTIONS

a. §102(b) Rejection

On page 2, item 2 of the Office Action, claims 1, 3-4 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,491,517 to Janovac. The rejection of canceled claims 1, 3-4 and 7-9 is moot.

b. §103(a) Rejections

On page 5, item 10 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Janovac in view of WO 02/05974 to Carr. The rejection of canceled claims 1 and 5-6 is moot.

On page 8, item 14 of the Office Action, claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,221,008 to Derrick, Jr. et al. (hereinafter "Derrick"), in view of Janovac and Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary 10th Edition page 1370 (hereinafter "dictionary"). The rejection of canceled claims 11-13 is moot.

On page 10, item 18 of the Office Action, claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Janovac in view of Carr and Greenhalgh. The rejection of canceled claim 10 is moot.

On page 11, item 20 of the Office Action, claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Derrick and Janovac in further view of Carr and Greenhalgh. The rejection of canceled claim 10 is moot.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance of claims 15-17 as indicated in the Advisory Action is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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